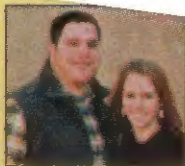


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Facing murder and attempted murder charges

Elba man's trial underway in Covington County for June 2014 shooting in Opp

Courtesy of Andalusia Star News

The trial of an Elba man facing murder and attempted murder charges in the June 2014 shooting in an Opp night club is under way. Jury selection began Monday, and opening arguments begin later this week.

Kanavis Malik Cole is charged with murder for the shooting death of 20-year-old Demetrice Hines and the attempted murder of 26-year-old James Danshay Edwards.

Police reports indicate that Cole allegedly opened fire at approximately 1:30 in the Little Harlem Club the morning of June 8, 2014. The club has since been closed.

Enterprise attorney Gary Bradshaw is defending Cole.

Bradshaw previously filed a motion seeking immunity under stand your ground, arguing that Cole's actions were made "in reasonable self-defense and/or reasonable defense of others."

Judge Lex Short denied that motion in March of 2017.

Three shots were fired in the night club, injuring five, law enforcement officials said in a June, 2014 press conference. Two months before his death, in April of 2014, Hines posted on social media, "I'ma dead man walkn." He was shot in the side of the torso.



Kanavis Malik Cole

But both family members and law enforcement said during that press conference they believed the post was

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SNOW COVERING ELBA...This aerial photo of the courthouse square in downtown Elba was made by Dylan Seay with his drone last Wednesday, June 17, following the snow/ice storm from the pre-dawn hours of the day. It gives a great view of the snow covered roof tops and frozen grounds. Some additional "snow" photos from last week's weather event can be found on Page 10 of today's paper.

Pre-registration underway for Elba's Pre-K program

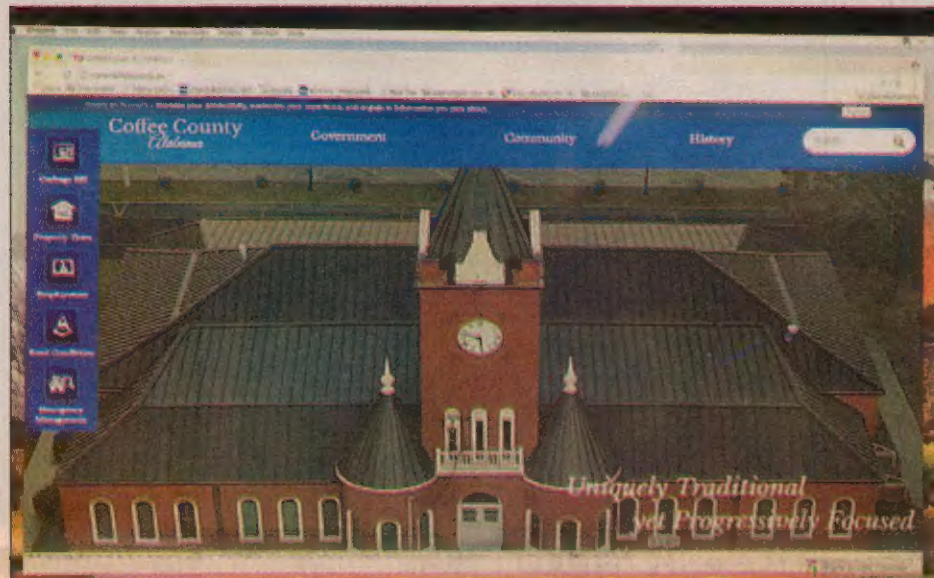
Elba City Schools First Class Pre-K program is preparing for another exciting school year! Pre-registration is underway now until March 15th.

The school is accepting

online pre-registration applications for 2018-2019 school year (for assistance with accessing online application contact Elba City Schools Pre-K Program office at 334-897-

2814) Internet access for registration is provided at Elba Elementary School Monday through Friday

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This photo show the "new look" for the revamped Coffee County website that went live on Monday of this week. This is a much more interactive site for the county, and officials said it would be a great source now to keeping up with what is going on in the area.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Revamped county website unveiled

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A new website for the Coffee County Commission went "live" Monday, Jan. 22, and it was previewed during the Coffee County Commission meeting.

Frank Eason, project mahager for the website project, said the county's website still has the same web address as before [www.coffeecounty.us], but it is a much-improved operational site.

"It has taken almost a year to get everything together," Eason said. "But, it is live! A wonderful, wonderful site."

Eason did point out that under the emergency man-

agement link, citizens can sign up for emergency alerts within the county. He said these could be delivered via text message or email, depending on how each citizen prefers.

Also, Eason noted there is now an employment link on the website. He said this link would list any county jobs available.

Eason also said jobs can now be applied for via this employment link on the new website. He said those interested in knowing about available county jobs could sign up here and upload a resume to the site.

Eason said having this link on the website, alleviates having to apply for jobs through the career center in New Brockton.

For those that may not have computer/internet access to be able to apply at home for the county jobs, he said kiosks would soon be available at the court-houses in Elba and Enterprise, as well as, the commission office to allow applicants to apply through those methods.

Eason encouraged all citizens to check out the new county website. He said he and his staff were very pleased with how the project worked out, and he feels this new website will certainly better serve the needs of Coffee County and its citizens.

In conjunction with the

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NEW GARBAGE CANS, with an all new look, are showing up all around Elba, but mainly in the downtown area right now. The cans, gray in color and bearing the Elba emblem, will be phased in over the next several years. This first group is 580 and after replacing all the downtown cans, the aim is to replace badly damaged receptacles first. Those taken up will be used as replacements of damaged cans or for parts to repair damaged cans. Each year the city will purchase a group of new cans until all have been replaced. This should take from three to five years. Shown above replacing cans last week in the bitter cold weather are from left: James DeBoer, Bennett Aughtman, Jerome Blackmon and Jimmy Clay.

Josh Wilson seeking 12th Judicial Circuit Judge seat

Assistant District Attorney Josh Wilson has qualified to run as a Republican candidate for the office of Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judge.

The Twelfth Judicial Circuit is comprised of Coffee and Pike Counties, and for the past five years Wilson has served as an Assistant District Attorney for the Circuit.

"It is both a pleasure and honor to serve the people of Coffee and Pike Counties as an Assistant District Attorney," Wilson said. "As Circuit Judge I would have the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of these



great counties and ensure a fair court and equal justice for all."

Wilson was born and raised in the New Hope community in northern Coffee County, but also has deep roots in Pike County, as his mother's family is from the Brundidge area.

"I spent as much time growing up in Pike County as I did in Coffee County and learned a lot of valuable lessons about hard work and determination from my family," he said.

Wilson's father passed away after an extended illness when he was a junior in high school, and he pays tribute to his upbringing to the work and sacrifice that his mother made to ensure that he had every opportunity to succeed.

"It was not easy, but she made sure that I had everything I needed and she instilled in me a desire to

Elba 10U boys bring home tourney championship



The Elba Parks and Recreation's 10 and Under Boys Basketball team competed in the Hartford 10U Boys Basketball Tournament last Saturday, Jan. 20th. The team played three games in the tournament and won all three to bring home the championship. Elba defeated Slocomb by a score of 48-14, Daleville by a score of 38-24, and Wicksburg with a final score of 41-14. Coaches are (standing back) Jada Gray, Dexter Watkins and Keith Grantham. Team members are (kneeling, 1 to r): Jay Wilson, Brody Streetman, Jihadd Brooks, Easton McKelvy, Jordan Hammonds, and Ledell Ousley Jr.; (standing, 1 to r): Enanbell Cooks, Jayce Kidd, Javante Griggs, Brady Johnson, Jacob Watkins, Trace Grantham, and Alvin Henderson.

Area Happenings:

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 IS HOSTING A MARDI GRAS FAMILY NIGHT - POT LUCK on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. The event will begin with fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Pot Luck meal at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. there will be the red wagon parade. Elba Masonic Lodge #170 is located at 340 Larkin Rd., Elba.

A LANDSCAPE PRUNING CLASS will be held in the Coffee County Community Room in New Brockton on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 9-11 a.m. Topics will include: the importance of pruning, tools for pruning, how to prune, amount to prune, when to prune, and pruning safety. There will be a hands-on demonstration for pruning trees and shrubs will be provided. This is a free workshop and open to the public. Pre-registration is through the Coffee County Extension office by calling (334) 894-5596 by Friday, Jan. 26th.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed." – Henrik Ibsen

Alabama rated two school districts on a recently released list of "Best School Districts". Mountain Brook came in at Number 43 while Vestavia Hills was Number 253. The group, National Council For Home Safety and Security, considered: 1. School Funding; 2. Student Performance; 3. Dropout Rate; 4. Poverty Rate. Massachusetts appeared all up and down the list. Georgia and Tennessee had one each. Neither Mississippi nor Florida made the list at all. The opening of the news release acknowledged that almost all experts agree that money is important . . . the more the merrier. For that reason we were surprised that Florida schools didn't get in the top 500 in the nation. Some parts of Florida harbor a bunch of rich folks.

If not for the fact the news media kept it in the headlines 24 hours a day, the government shutdown of last weekend would have hardly been noticed. The debate over just who should be blamed for the inability of the lawmakers and the White House to agree on anything will be ongoing until some other hot talking point emerges. Personally, we blame the whole bunch. No, the Democrats didn't bow to pressure to keep the country running smoothly . . . not at first. But the Republicans are in control of the whole game and they couldn't collect their folks together for long enough to get them to all vote for the same thing. President Trump apparently gets his share of the blame, from both Democrats and his own party. So, pick your villain and you can find evidence to sustain your argument all night long – be you in the local bar or in your best friend's parlor.

The irony of the government shutdown is that it could happen again in just weeks! The continuing resolution was for weeks just to "get them over the hump", a saying from our youth when the sale of a couple of hogs, a load of corn, etc., would get the family over the hump. We heard our younger brother say that a couple of years ago. Hopefully the movers and shakers of Washington will get a budget deal together so this uncertainty will not go on and on and on.

The Elba School System is already taking enrollment in the 4-year old school program for next school year. They are looking at adding another class of this age group but can't get the additional teacher funding without a few more children enrolled. That means they need YOU to get your child enrolled without delay.

The cold, cold weather of last week has additional people asking, "What do you mean – global warming?" We will not jump into that debate here today but understand the reasons for such questions. Of course the experts who make those claims point out the AVERAGE temperature is rising, as evidenced by the melting ice at the North and South Poles. They are not talking about the news-making bone chilling snowstorms that hit Alabama every ten to fifteen years. Yet it is understandable for us regular folks to question the global warming warning as we bundle up and tip-toe carefully through the snow and ice.

Another rash of school shootings has hit the U. S. in the last few days. Writing this on Tuesday morning leaves us a bit in the dark on the "why" of this latest shooting in Kentucky, but it left one dead and several in the hospital.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 15, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, one private property damage, one theft, one possession of marijuana, one theft of property, two for burglary, one accident, one criminal trespassing, one suspicious circumstances, one tampering with evidence, one resisting arrest, one possession of drug paraphernalia, two for harassment, one reckless endangerment, one domestic violence, and one assault.

Arrests made during the week included: one for possession of marijuana, one for tampering with evidence, one for resisting arrest, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for reckless endangerment, and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for driving on the wrong side of the road, four for speeding, one for no insurance, one for a suspended driver's license, and one for no driver's license.

MONDAY, JAN. 15 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4727 County Rd. 305 (7:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 825 Putnam St. (10:32 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) reported on Hwy. 189 N (10:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3044 Hwy. 189 (11:30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 16 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1289 Neil Grantham Dr. (5:09 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 605 Mullins Circle (5:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at 1579 County Rd. 201 (7:48 p.m.); Coffee

Who Knew? Turns out I really like watching hockey

by Linda Hodge, Editor

I experienced my first hockey game a couple weeks ago.

I was not real sure what I was expecting in attending the game, but it exceeded any expectation and derailed any doubt I might have had prior to the start of the contest.

My sister, the big time 'girly-girl' attended a hockey game a few years back and came home raving about how much fun she had at the game. She had mentioned going again several times, but we just had not made it.

She celebrated a birthday in December, and I decided tickets to the hockey game would be a great idea. So, when I got to checking I found that the Pensacola Flyers [the team she had first watched] was hosting the Birmingham Bulls [I wasn't even aware there is a hockey team in Birmingham, Alabama] on Friday night, Jan. 12th.

A click here and there on the 'ole Internet, and we were set to make the trip to Pensacola. Of course, we took Dad along for the fun!

In between revealing the gift to sis on her Dec. 13th birthday and awaiting the actual trip on Jan. 12th, I kept asking myself, "What in the world does my sister find so fascinating about hockey, of all sports?!!!"



Our view was pretty good for the Pensacola Flyers (blue uniforms) vs. Birmingham Bulls game. The paid attendance for this Jan. 12th game was almost 5,000 people.

When we arrived at the Civic Center in Pensacola – the home of the Flyers, I was pleasantly surprised to find I had done a superb job in picking our seats as we were on the third row behind the glass. That put us at eye level with the players on the ice!

The pre-game was entertaining, but the real fun began at the drop of the first puck.

I suddenly realized hockey is a non-stop action-filled sport that moves quickly. It was high-octane fun!

Even during the breaks in action, there is fun-filled entertainment.

I'll be honest...other

than knowing a team has scored when the puck makes it past the goalie into the net, I don't know much at all about the rules of the game. But, I found that did not matter much. It was just absolute fun watching the teams go back and forth on the ice trying to score the goals.

And, oh boy, let 'em push one another into the wall one too many times, and I assure you there will be a scuffle!

We sat next to one of the penalty boxes, and it was occupied on several occasions during the game by a player. Hey, turns out that is just part of the fun of the game!

The funniest thing that happened, however, was when sis missed that a player was about to be slammed into the glass in front of us. I saw it coming...she did not. When the slam came, she screamed and jumped to the point that she scared me!! We got a good laugh off that one.

Little sis knew what she was talking about when she said attending a hockey game is loads of fun. We will go again!!

This was also Dad's first time watching hockey in person, and he agreed it is well worth attending a game.

Oh yeah...the Flyers won the game 5-1!

~ It's Not Up for Debate ~ Guest Editorial by U.S. Representative Martha Roby

45 years ago this month, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in Roe v. Wade to make abortion legal and available nationwide. While many abortion activists celebrate this infamous anniversary, it represents a particularly somber occasion for those of us who advocate for life at all stages.

Every year since this ruling, the pro-life community has gathered in Washington to march in peaceful protest. The 2018 March for Life took place on Friday, January 19th – and

wow, the pro-life energy was certainly high in Washington.

This year the March for Life theme was "Love Saves Lives." Leading up to and during the March, the pro-life community participated in a social media campaign to share photos, videos, and thoughts, to shed light on why we march – and on the many reasons why life at every stage is worth fighting for.

I'd like to extend a very sincere "thank you" to each and every person from our great state who made the long trip to participate in the March. I am truly inspired by the thousands of March for Life participants and their dedication to the pro-life movement. I stand with you.

I was especially impressed by a young lady from Montgomery named Agnes Armstrong. She's a graduate of the Montgomery Catholic Preparatory School and is currently a sophomore at Auburn University. She was selected to speak to more than 600,000 people at the pre-March rally to offer the perspective of a young female college student.

This past summer, Agnes wrote a letter to March for Life President Jeanne Mancini thanking her for the impact the organization has made. Mrs. Mancini was moved by the letter and asked Agnes to be featured as this year's March for Life "Young Adult" keynote speaker. I am so thankful to have young leaders like Agnes to represent our state in such a remarkable way. It's because of individuals like her that our pro-life momentum is as strong as it is.

I am excited to report that during the March for Life festivities, the House took action to defend the defenseless by taking up and passing H.R. 4712, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. I was proud to cosponsor the legislation, and I also had the unique opportunity to manage debate of the bill while it was being considered on the floor.

At this point, I don't think it's a secret that I am unapologetically pro-life, and I believe that our laws and policies should assign the utmost importance to life at every stage. I have stood on the House floor many times in defense of the unborn, but this time, we weren't talking about the unborn. H.R. 4712 seeks to protect those who have already been born.

The bill is pretty simple. It states that if a baby is born alive after a failed abortion, he or she must be given the same exact medical care that would be given to any other baby. I know Congress will continue to play politics about when life begins and argue about the point at which the law should step in to protect it – and I understand not everyone agrees with my strong pro-life stance.

However, I cannot fathom how any person could be opposed to legislation

that protects babies who are so alive that you can look them in the eye.

Of course, I supported this measure, but it did feel strange to take a stand in defense of living, breathing children – to even have to make the case that a baby who survives an abortion and is born in this world should be treated just like a baby born any other way.

Unfortunately, I didn't have a choice. There is currently no law mandating that a baby born alive after a failed abortion receives medical treatment instead of being left to die.

That's why this bill is necessary. It would require under federal law, nationwide, that a baby born alive after an abortion attempt receives the same care that any other baby would.

I know that as a Member of Congress, part of my job is to debate the issues facing our nation, and while I take this responsibility very seriously, I don't believe this particular issue is up for debate. I hope the Senate acts swiftly and passes this bill, and I'll keep you informed as we progress.

** Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second Congressional District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama with her husband Riley and their two children.

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Elba native named a finalist for Crenshaw County Schools superintendent position

The Crenshaw County Board of Education announced five finalists earlier this week for the next superintendent of the Crenshaw County School System, which includes the Brantley Schools.

The position became available after Dr. Boyd English left to accept the superintendent's job for the Albertville School System.

Among the five finalists was an Elba High School alumnus and current employee of the Crenshaw County Board of Education.

Ashley Catrett, an Elba native, is the current director of assessment and accountability for the Crenshaw County Schools. She was announced last night as one of the five



Ashley (Oglesby) Catrett, a 1991 grad of Elba High School, is a finalist for the Crenshaw County superintendent's job

finalists for the school system's next superintendent.

Catrett is the daughter of Virginia Oglesby and the late Fred Oglesby of Elba. She makes her home now in Brantley, Ala. with her husband and two daughters.

Another of the five final-

ists also is a current Crenshaw County Schools employee.

Dodd Hawthorne, the current director of maintenance and transportation for the Crenshaw County Schools also will interview for the superintendent's job.

The other three finalists are: Jennifer Burt, Career Tech directors for the Butler County Schools; Joseph Eiland, administrative assistant for the Butler County Schools; and Donnie Powell, principal of Straghn High School from the Covington County Schools System.

According to the Crenshaw County Board of Education website, the public interviews tentatively are set now for the first week of February.

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between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. There are also two night sessions available for parents on Thursday, Jan. 25, and Thursday, Feb. 22, from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

Enrollment is open to all children age 4 [on or before Sept. 2, 2018] who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for Kindergarten are ineligible). Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office).

Enrollees must provide proof of residence-either a current utility bill or copy of a lease or mortgage (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office)

Public school system Pre-K programs may have zoning requirements that determine eligibility to

attend a program (contact Elba Elementary School Pre-K program office).

There is no registration fee. Upon enrollment, the child's immunization record must be provided.

No child will be denied participation on basis on income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

To access the registration forms, go online to <https://alprek.asapconnecte.com>. Complete the Pre-Registration Form and submit birth certificate and proof of residence.

For more information, visit www.children.alabama.gov and see Pre-Registration information under First Class Pre-K.

Acceptance is strictly through random drawing to be held Friday, March 16. Parent/Guardian does not have to be present at drawing.

Notices will be emailed beginning Monday, April 16.

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coincidental. There was no bad blood between Cole and Hines, they said. Instead, they believed that Edwards was the intended target.

Opp Chief Mike McDonald said in that press conference that Edwards sustained gunshot wounds to his shoulder and neck that were "almost critical." McDonald also said the incident appeared to have been the result of people just bumping into each other on the dance floor.

When officers responded to the call at the club in 2014, all five victims had been transported to the hospital in private vehicles.

Cole was 23 at the time of the shooting.

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new county website going live on Monday of this week, county administrator Rod Morgan also got approval from commissioners on a resolution requiring applications for county jobs to be taken through the county website for consid-

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learn," he said. Wilson's mother was a history teacher at Arton High School for nearly 30 years.

After high school Wilson went on to attend Troy State University and graduated with a degree in accounting and a Master's of business administration. He became a Certified Public Accountant and practiced in both public accounting and the private industry before returning to law school to obtain his Juris Doctorate.

"I enjoyed my time working as a CPA and the experiences that I gained were invaluable, but a law degree and the opportunity to practice law was something that I always wanted," Wilson said. "There were many sacrifices that my family had to make so that I could attend law school and I would have never made it without the support of my wife Jill."

Wilson attended Faulkner University's Jones School of Law and graduated in two and a half years. After finishing law school, he opened a law office in Elba and practiced there before joining the District Attorney's Office in 2013.

"I've always had a servant's heart, and I'm thankful that Tom Anderson (District Attorney) gave me a chance to work in his office and serve the people of our Circuit," Wilson said. "Coffee County and Pike County have always been home, and always will be. The chance to give back to so many who have helped me along my way is the greatest way to honor them. As Circuit Judge I will maintain the same dedication to serving the people of Coffee and Pike

County as I have as an Assistant District Attorney and will bring honesty and fairness to the bench."

The seat for which Wilson is seeking is being vacated by the retirement of longtime Circuit Judge Tom Head of Elba.

"Judge Head has been a mentor and friend to me for many years, and it would be an absolute honor to follow in his footsteps," said Wilson. "I realize he will be leaving some very large shoes to fill, but I am up to the challenge."

Josh is married to Jill Martin Wilson, an occupational therapist. They have two children, John Martin (14) and Jay (9). The Wilson's are active members of the First Baptist Church of Elba.

The Republican Primary election will be held June 5, 2018.

January LANDMARK PARK EVENTS

JAN. 26 • PROJECT LEARNING TREE TRAINING 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. For classroom and homeschool teachers. \$40 per person, includes curriculum materials. \$10 lunch option. Call 334-794-3452 to register. Registration required.

JAN. 27 • SEED SWAP 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Ag Building. Hosted by Wiregrass

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at <www.elba-clipper.com>

TOM MACK BROWN

Mr. Tom Mack Brown, age 83, of Niceville, Fla., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at his home in Niceville.

Funeral services were held Jan. 20, 2018 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Earl Clark officiating. Burial services followed in the Zion Chapel Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his father - C. L. Brown, mother - Vallie English Brown, wife - June Stevens Brown, and sister - Eudora Richards.

Survivors include his wife: Hazel Mae Brown, Niceville; daughter: Laura Elizabeth Givens, Prattville, Ala.; sons: Tom Mack (Kathryn) Brown Jr., and Timothy Brown, all of Elba; sisters: Shirley Bagwell, Jack, Ala., Linda Brown, Dothan, Ala.; 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

JOANN WISE

Mrs. JoAnn Wise, age 65, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Friday, January 19, 2018, at her home.

In accordance with her wishes, disposition will be by cremation. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home & Cremations of Elba is serving the Wise family.

Preceding her in death were her parents - James H. and Jean F. Staggs, her brother - James R. Staggs, and her stepson - Ashley M. Wise.

Survivors include her husband: Michael W. "Micky" Wise, Jack; daughter: Rebecca (Ernest) Jimenez, Coral Springs, Fla.; son: James P. Legendre, Plantation, Fla.; step-daughter: Karly A. Wise, Elba, Ala.; her grandchildren: Alexia D. Valentin, Tallahassee, Fla.; Angel A. Valentin and Dominic X. Jimenez, both of Coral Springs, Emily Wise, Jack, Bryson Noa, Pensacola, Fla.; her mother-in-law: Kathryn Turner, Elba; and many nieces, nephews, and great friends.

NATASHA L. REYNOLDS

Mrs. Natasha L. Reynolds, age 37, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently at Medical Center Enterprise.

Memorial services were held Thursday Jan. 18, 2018, at Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise. Natasha Lynn Reynolds was born on Nov. 18, 1980 to the late Dorothy Reynolds and Charlie Marshall of Moticello, Fla.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two siblings -

Charles Marshall and Rodney Reynolds, paternal grandmother - Annie Sara Marshall, paternal grandfather - Ned Marshall, and maternal grandmother - Elizabeth Medley.

Survivors include her husband: Johnathan Johnson; two children: Destiny Draugh, Enterprise, and Deandre Draugh, Tallahassee Fla.; one sister: Renee Turner, Enterprise; a special niece, Ashley Caldwell; and cousin, Lisa Hall.

EARLY SANDERS JR.

Mr. Early Sanders Jr., age 87, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, at his daughter's home.

Funeral services will be held at Jack Assembly of God Church on Thursday, Jan. 25, beginning at 2 p.m. with Rev. Matthew Morris, Rev. Jimmy Eddins, Rev. Andy Marler, and his grandson Rev. Ashley Faulk officiating. Burial will follow in the Jack Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 5-7 p.m.

Mr. Sanders was preceded in death by his wife Hazel Virginia Sanders, his parents Eunice Renfroe Sanders and Early Sanders, and a son Ray Sanders.

Survivors include his daughters: Rita (Alfred) Davis and Ann (Walter) Faulk, both of Jack; daughter-in-law: Brenda Sanders, Jack; brothers: James Sanders, Troy, Ala., and Joe Sanders, Ruskin, Fla.; a sister: Judy Marler, Arcadia, Fla.; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

AMYRILLIS NELSON MEADOWS

Mrs. Amyrillis Nelson Meadows, age 65, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 23, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial services followed in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her spouse: James Parrish, Enterprise; daughter: Sherrie Woods, New Brockton, Ala.; son: Justin Meadows, Pensacola, Fla.; sisters: Jannie Little and Joan Martin, both of Troy, Ala.; brothers: Durwood Nelson, Waylon Nelson, James Nelson, all of Elba; grandsons: Dakota Hayes, Pensacola, and Conner Woods, New Brockton; and her granddaughter: Kaitlyn Woods, Mobile, Ala.

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LIFESTYLES



Miss Kendall Ward and Mr. Drew Shelton

Kendall Ward and Drew Shelton set to exchange vows on April 7th

Rob and Ginger Ward announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kendall Brooke, to William Andrew Shelton Jr.

Kendall is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilson of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. David Ward of Hartford.

Kendall is a 2010 graduate from Enterprise High School. She received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from The University of Alabama and is currently a teacher with Enterprise City Schools.

Drew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shelton of Enterprise. He is the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Joe Watson of Enterprise, Mrs. Shirley Shelton of Trussville, Ala., the late Mrs. Sara Ward Searcy, and the late Mr. Robert T. Shelton.

Drew is a 2004 graduate of Enterprise High School. Drew studied Criminal Justice at Enterprise Ozark Community College and Troy University. Drew is currently employed by the City of Enterprise.

The wedding ceremony is set to take place Saturday, April 7, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Enterprise, Alabama.

Friends of Enterprise Public Library plans book sale for Saturday, Jan. 27

The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library is holding an *Owls About A Great Deal Book Sale* on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at the

library.

Selected stock will be priced to go at 25¢. The library is located at 101 East Grubbs Street, Enterprise, AL.

Fiction and nonfiction hardback and paperback books for all ages will be on sale. Money raised by the Friends' book sales funds library projects such as the summer reading program, Camilla (ebook library), and new computers.

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A Michael Jackson Tribute Concert set for Feb. 13th Coffee County Arts Alliance brings MJ Live back to Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance is set to present MJ Live – A Michael Jackson Tribute Concert [The King of Pop] on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Michael Jackson was not merely the biggest pop star of his era, shaping the sound and style of the 70s and 80s. He was one of the defining stars of the 20th century, a musician who changed American culture.

Relive the energy, excitement, spectacle and pure joy of legendary superstar Michael Jackson and his music as portrayed by Jalles Franca.

Franca looks like, sounds like, and dances like the great Michael Jackson. Franca changes from glitzy jackets to torn collar white T-shirts to deliver some of Jackson's famous songs.

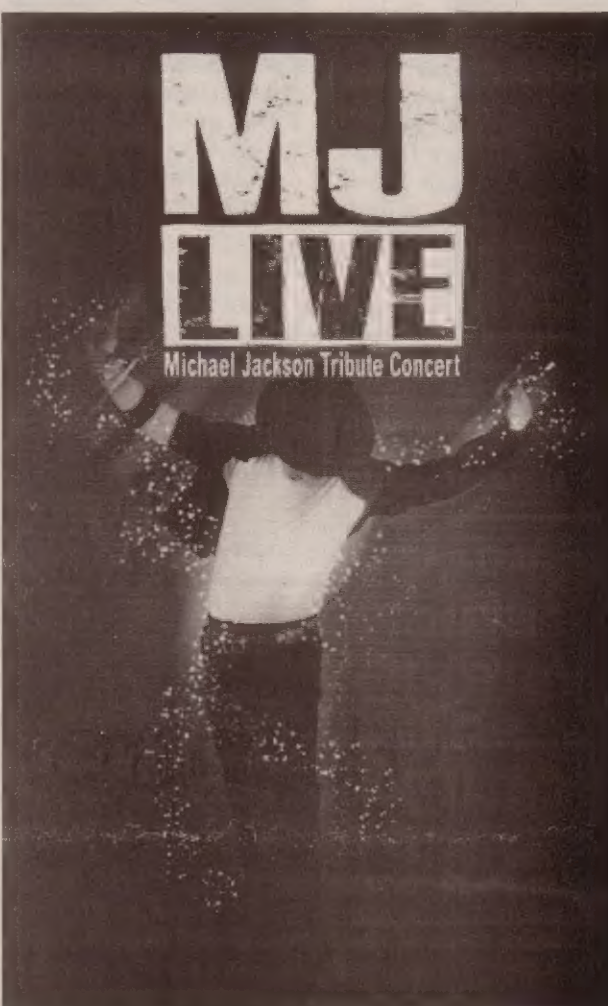
The show is high-energy and gets the crowd involved. Hear favorites "Beat It", "The Girl Is Mine", "Billy Jean", "Thriller", "I Want You Back", "I'll Be There", "I Just Can't Stop Loving You", "The Man in the

Mirror", "Bad", "Dangerous", and "Smooth Criminal".

The Gold Corporate Sponsor for this Coffee County Arts Alliance event is Enterprise Medical Clinic.

Tickets are available at these locations:

- David's Westgate Beauty Salon • Enterprise
 - Redbrick Pizza (next to Publix) • Enterprise
 - The Framery • Enterprise
 - Hair Haven • New Brockton
 - Bradley's Florist and Gifts • Elba
 - Wildflowers Florist & Gifts • Elba
 - The Printing Press, Inc. • Troy
 - MaFoosky's Deli • Daleville
 - Harbin Jewelers • Ozark
 - Tuxedo 101/Scrubs 101 (behind Atlanta Bread Co) • Dothan
 - MWR Central – Soldier Service Center • Ft Rucker
- Individual ticket prices are as follows:
- Purchased in advance: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students
 - Purchased the day of the event: \$30 for adults, \$23 for students



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Birthday Girl



Lily Daniels celebrated her 2nd Birthday on Monday, Jan. 15th. She is the daughter of Marsha and Claude Daniels of Elba.

Lily was treated to a party with family and friends on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, at her home. Assisting Lily with the opening of her gifts was her big brother, Levi.

Grandparents are Martha Daniels and the late Frank Daniels and Chip and Sue Mauldin, all of Elba.

Birthday Boy



Shaw Martin Cowen celebrated his 5th Birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 17th. He is the son of Clint and Sarah Cowen.

Shaw Martin was treated to a party with family and friends on Saturday, Jan. 20th.

Shaw Martin's has two siblings - big brother, Jackson, and little sister, Lennon.

Grandparents in Elba are Jeff and Sharon Cowen.

Elba Masonic Lodge hosting Mardi Gras Family Night

Elba Masonic Lodge #170, located at 340 Larkin Rd., Elba, is hosting a Mardi Gras Family Night - Pot Luck on Monday, Jan.

Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day planned for Feb. 3 in Alabama

The Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) has designated Saturday, Feb. 3, as one of the 2017-18 hunting season's Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.

On that day, youth under age 16 may hunt when accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Regular waterfowl season shooting hours, bag limits, legal arms and ammunitions apply to the special days.

To participate in the hunt, individuals must be accompanied by an adult supervisor. The adult supervisor, who may not hunt, must remain within arm's length of the youth at all times. The adult supervisor may accompany up to two youth participants during the hunt.

Youth is defined as an individual age 15 years and younger. Adult is defined as an individual age 21 years and older, or as the parent of the youth.

The adult must have a state hunting license, state and federal waterfowl stamp, and a free harvest information program registration.

Only one firearm will be allowed per youth, and only the youth hunters will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting. The adult is expected to review the rules of firearm safety and hunter ethics with each youth and ensure they are followed.

For more information on the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, contact WFF Waterfowl Coordinator Seth Maddox at Seth.Maddox@dcnr.alabama.gov or 256-437-2788, or visit www.outdooralabama.com/waterfowl.

To learn more about the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources visit www.outdooralabama.com.

29th. The event will begin with fellowship at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Pot Luck meal at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. there will be the red wagon parade.

Bring a favorite pot of Jambalaya, Gumbo, Red Beans, a Side Dish, a

Desert or just an appetite and join the Elba Masons at LODGE #170. This event is open to the community — all Masons, Family and Friends - young and old are invited for fun, food and fellowship.

No fancy dress. Just come join in the fun.



COFFEE COUNTY SHERIFF DAVE SUTTON is shown filing his official candidacy papers as he seeks a fourth term as Sheriff of Coffee County, Alabama in the June 5th Republican Primary Election. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, of this week, Sheriff Sutton was sworn-in as the 2018 president of the Alabama Sheriff's Association during a ceremony held in Montgomery, Alabama.

Top tellers back this weekend for Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival

Everybody's got a tale but no better tales will be told than those told at the 2018 Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival on January 26 and 27 at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge and the Trojan Center

Theater on the campus of Troy University.

Donald Davis, Josh Goforth, Tim Lowry and Elizabeth Ellis will headline this year's festival. All four are favorite tellers at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Donald Davis is the Dean of Storytelling. No matter how many times one hears him, he is even better than the last. Josh Goforth, a Grammy nominee, has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and at Carnegie Hall. Tim Lowry serves up genuine Southern hospitality as refreshing as cold, sweet tea. Elizabeth Ellis delivers down-home wisdom with hilarious and heartfelt honesty.

The Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival will open to a sold-out audience at the We Piddle Around

Theater on Friday night, January 26.

The festival will continue on Saturday, January 27, with three storytelling concerts at 10 a.m. (\$10), 2 p.m. (\$15) and 6:30 p.m. (\$10) at the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University.

Pre-show music will be by The Benton Brothers & Company, The Lighthouse String Ensemble and The Hendersons. The music will begin 30 minutes prior to the storytelling concerts.

Tickets are available by calling 334-344-9427 or 670-6302 or 685-5524. Tickets are also available at The Messenger on South Brundidge Street in Troy.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Michael Woodham
First Baptist Church of Elba

A sifted life is an influential life. Your greatest influence takes place after you have been sifted and survived. Sifting is how God separates the old from the new, the good fruit from the bad fruit, the material that is unstable to that which God can effectively employ for His eternal purposes. Read 1st Peter 4:12. We must be ready to persevere, to push through the difficult seasons, working with all our strength while depending on God's grace to sustain us.

A story is told of a man who looked out his window at the neighbor lady's wash hanging on the clothesline outside her house. He exclaimed to his wife, "My, she needs to use some bleach on those whites, they are filthy!"

The following day he exclaimed how she needed to change detergents. The third day again he noticed it, "I would be embarrassed to have my clothes washed by this lady." but on the fourth day, he was surprised at how clean and bright her washing looked. He said to his wife, "Why, she must have changed her detergents finally!" "No," his wife replied, "I just cleaned the windows."

In a season of sifting we must learn to develop a new vision, a fresh perspective on our circumstances, rooted in God's truth. We must learn to process what we see through a different paradigm, one that is informed by the truth about God that is revealed to us in His Gospel. The most important decision you will ever make is to follow Jesus Christ, but the second is the attitude with which you choose to follow Jesus Christ. This perspective will largely determine how you approach life experiences and will shape your behavior, your response to problems, and the way you deal with life's challenges. In many situations, the only difference between what we'd see as an ordeal and what we'd see as an opportunity is our attitude. Each of us is only a change in perspective away from seeing our circumstances as God's will for our lives instead of a disappointing, frustrating setback.

Read 1st Peter 4:19. Peter indicates that there is a right way to suffer that is according to the will of God. The question is not whether we will suffer but how we choose to suffer. The suffering we experience is never the goal in sifting. It is only the means to a greater end: knowing and walking with Christ. Sifting teaches us to establish a pattern of obedience. It humbles us and breaks us of our self-sufficiency, leading to a greater dependency on Jesus.

Remember: Jesus is always more than enough for us, but we will not know until our faith is tested.

LBWCC holding "Cash for College" event on Thursday, Feb. 1st

LBW Community College is conducting "Cash for College," a free program to help college-bound students and their families get help in opening the door for financial aid money for college.

The event is designed to help any student interested in attending college to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and will be held at LBWCC in

Andalusia, Opp, and Greenville on Thursday, Feb. 1, 5:30 p.m.

The event takes place two weeks before the College's online scholarship application deadline. This event is open to all students, regardless of age, who are seeking financial aid to pay for college expenses for the next academic year.

Whether a student will graduate from high school

Winter Ladies' Bible Study to begin Feb. 5 at First Baptist Church Elba

A Winter Ladies' Bible Study will begin Monday Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church Elba.

The study will be on *Steadfast Love* by Lauren Chandler.

There are times when worship overflows effortlessly from a heart full of gratitude and praise. And there are times when God seems far and we feel we have nothing to offer. Throughout it all, God shows us His steadfast love.

Psalm 107 is a call to worship. It reminds us that each season of life is an opportunity to reveal the anchor of our souls.

"Never Alone Widow's Meeting" set for Feb. 5th at Ino Baptist Church

Ino Baptist Church will sponsor a "Never Alone Widow's Meeting" at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

This is designed for women of any age who are widowed. Attendees do not have to be a member of any church, group, or club to be

In this 7-session Bible study, Lauren Chandler uses Psalm 107 to show us how to face both storms and deserts with courage and trust in Jesus, and to discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts. There is no fear for the one who fears the Lord, the one whose soul is anchored in His steadfast love.

Study books for *Steadfast Love* may be purchased from Lifeway Bookstore in Dothan, or from Lifeway.com/steadfastlove online. Call Carolyn Hocutt (334-750-4205) if you have any questions.

a part of this experience.

Now is the time to make plans to join the group for a time of fellowship, entertainment, inspiration, and food.

For directions to Ino Baptist and to register, call Coffee Baptist Association at 894-6411.

Black History Celebration program planned for Sunday, Feb. 4th, at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church

The Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church will host a Black History Celebration featuring 'Ladies In Hats' on Sunday, Feb. 4, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The church is located at 802 Newton Street, Elba, Alabama. Pastor is Rev. Lovell Martin.

The keynote speaker for this event will be Dr. Linda

Felton-Smith and Mrs. Juretha Lewis will be the guest contributor.

The 2018 National Black History Theme is "African Americans in Times of War".

Ladies and men put those hats on and join the Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church for this special program.

Everyone is invited.

attend with dependent students, usually those under the age of 24. Bring tax information for the parents as well as dependents if they worked last year. Students age 24 or older may attend alone and bring their own 2016 tax, income and benefits information. No reservation is required. For more information, call 334-881-2272 in Andalusia, 334-493-5338 in Opp, or 334-382-2133.

Round and About

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Spirit of Laughter

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Declaration of Word

Evangelist Beverly Foster



Scripture: The Value of A Friend
Ecclesiastes 4-9-12

Thinking of You Praying for you

Beatrice Belcher
Lydia M. Kelley
E. J. Yelverton
Min, Robert Edwards
Jimmy Hooks
J.R. Jefferson Kelly
Scoochie Crittenden
Matia K. Duncan
Joe Rudolph

January Birthdays/Anniversaries

Kobie Belcher 1-16
Christina Nelson 1-18
Hattie Bell Carpenter 1-18
IMO
Tommy J. Robinson 1-19
Alzie M. Davis 1-21
IMO
Brittany Daniels 1-22
Faye Manning 1-22
Steve Williams 1-22
Alex Hutchinson 1-22
Cool Breeze 1-22
Marcus Hutchinson 1-23
IMO
Leonard McBride 1-24 IMO

Question/Answer Section

Q-H for the week of 1-18-2018

(Q) In the book of Exodus, What did GOD tell Moses,

"I am who I am" read: Exodus 3rd Chapter 13th, 14th VS.

Thought to Remember
A Bible is like medicine, it only goes to work, when applied to the affected area.

Use Your Concoct Dance

Question for the week of 1-25-2018

Q) Moses was told to put water into which of the Tabernacle's accessories?

Today is a good day! Be grateful
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church
News
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Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Tue. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

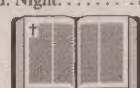
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. . . 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Bro. Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
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J. R. Parks, Pastor
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Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

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Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
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Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Brad Sasser - Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor
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Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2018 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on February 16, 2018. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 1/18, 1/25, 2/1&2/8-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN E. WHITE, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: PC 2017-087

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of January, 2018 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this 4th day of January, 2018. /s/ Kieff Lambert
Personal Representative
1-11,18,25-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

Carsenn Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. ERPR-9010(992) in Barbour, Dale, Coffee and Pike Counties. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on January 18, 2018 and ending February 8, 2018. All claims should be filed at 2777 County Road 4421 Brundidge, AL 36010 during this period. Carsenn Construction Company, Inc. Office 334-735-9662 1/18, 25-2/1,8-chg

SECTION 00020

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-3, IX, CFP Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-17, until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at the central office of the Elba Housing Authority, 1207 Claxton Avenue N, Elba, Alabama 36323, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-3, IX, CFP Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-17. The Work of the base bid generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to kitchen renovations, bathroom renovations, floor tile and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings.

Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 Claxton Avenue N, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening.

Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the

sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted.

Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba
By: Laurie Chapman
Title: Executive Director
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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Coffee County Arts Alliance hosted Rumours ATL to perform their Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert last Thursday evening, Jan. 18, at the Elba High School auditorium. Despite the extremely cold weather that evening, there was a large crowd in attendance for the highly entertaining concert. The Rumours band members are shown above performing one of the Fleetwood Mac favorites.

LBW Community College releases Fall Honors lists

LBW Community College President Dr. Herb Riedel recognizes academic honor students for the 2017 fall semester.

A total of 83 students were named to the President's List and 147 named to the Dean's List.

To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled full time and earn a high grade point average (GPA). To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a 4.0 GPA, with a 3.5-3.9 GPA required for the Dean's List.

The Fall Semester President's List included the following local students:

Brantley: Kenneth Allen Holland, Brandon Scott Walker; **Elba:** Caitlin Rochelle Bradshaw,

Wiregrass Cotton Expo is Feb. 2nd

The annual Wiregrass Cotton Expo is set for Friday, Feb. 2, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Ala.

The cost-free expo will include an exhibitor show and various cotton management presentations from Alabama Extension specialists, seed companies, Florida's state climatologist and the Alabama Cotton Commission. The luncheon speaker is Dr. Don Shurley, an Extension economist with the University of Georgia.

Presentation topics at the Wiregrass Cotton Expo include:

- Cotton Irrigation Technologies
- Cotton Fertilizer Management
- Enlist and Extend Cotton Herbicide Technologies
- White Fly Management in Cotton
- Cotton Variety Selection
- Weather Forecasting
- Alabama Cotton Commission.

Alabama Extension crops specialist William Birdsong said the topics covered will help producers as they plan for the upcoming cotton season.

"Each year is different and requires different strategies," Birdsong said. "Many growers learn from one another, therefore this forum gives them an opportunity to visit and dialogue with other growers while learning firsthand from scientists and research data in an environment where interaction is encouraged."

Speakers include Dr. Audrey Gamble, Cotton Fertilizer Management; Dr. Steve Li, Enlist and Extend Cotton Herbicide Technologies; Dr. Ron Smith, White Fly Management; Dr. David Zierden, Weather Forecasting; and Thomas Kirkland with the Alabama Cotton Commission.

Landon Jay Carnley, Summer Lynn Deak, Jodi Leanne Farris, Daniel Jimenez, Michael Terrell Jones, Courtney Nicole Lee, David Blake Weeks; **Kinston:** Lake Kade Clark; **New Brockton:** Naice Rene Steines

The Fall Semester Dean's List included the following local students:

Brantley: Paul Russell Baker, Bailey Kristin Bryan, Jacob Chandler Grosenbach, Brett Anthony Kelley, Jordan Nicole Sasser, Ieshia Tatyana Thompson, Steven

Anthony Walker; **Elba:** Kenneth Neil Amison, Jamison Paul Bailey, Tyra Shea Bradley, Lakordra Danna Downie, Logan Andrew Fortner, Terreia Hammonds, Colton Junger, Vickie Wynetta Lane, Ciara Smith Legg, Amanda Sueann Loupe, James Dexter Watkins; **Kinston:** Justin Kole Cantero, Alison Paige Glass, Kaci Nicole Musgrove, Michael Matthew Regan; **New Brockton:** Linda Nichole Cooper, Taryn Rae Mitchell, James Tanner Oakes



THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY featured candidates for Alabama District 91 House Representative Lister Reeves, Rhett Marques, and Clarke White (pictured left to right). They discussed their qualifications, their concerns for Alabama, and what they hope to achieve if elected. This is the seat currently held by Representative Barry Moore. The Republican Women of Coffee County meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Enterprise Country Club at 11 a.m. The next meeting is February 21st where candidates for the Congressional District 2 seat will speak. For more information about RWCC, visit the Facebook page (Republican Women of Coffee County) or the website, www.rwcc.us.

Coffee County Habitat's annual Father-Daughter Banquet set for Friday, Feb. 23, in Enterprise

The Coffee County Habitat for Humanity will present its 8th annual Father - Daughter Banquet on Friday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

This event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Enterprise, Ala. All proceeds will go to the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity.

Tickets are \$100 for

Father - Daughter; second daughter is an additional \$30; and third daughter is and additional \$10. The maximum charge is \$140.

Mail checks to: Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 311354, Enterprise, AL 36331.

Attire for the banquet is semi-formal for Dads; Sunday or Party Dress for Girls. The recommended

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our little grandson Lawson went out and tried to build a snowman last week after the overnight snow and ice that blanketed the area, but after a few minutes declared it was too cold to stay outside and said that it needs to snow again on a warmer day. I'm not sure if Mother Nature will agree, but last week was a little too cold for lots of folks.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers rolled to four lopsided wins** last week to push their winning streak to seven games and over the past two weeks have been among the most impressive teams in the state. The Tigers clubbed 3A Daleville by 45 points and handled 3A Opp by 29 points in two of the wins, while in-between they buried Samson by 41 points and spanked area foe Zion Chapel by 54 points in a game in which they led 39-1 at the half. Elba has been rolling up the points against almost everybody it plays, but the key to the Tigers recent success to me has been the move to a 2-3 zone on defense that allows the aggressive Elba defenders to get after the ball, while 6-6 Alex Wright gets to stay around the basket and dominate the boards. There are still two weeks left in the regular season before the post-season fun begins, but right now it looks like the Tigers have plans to be playing for a couple of more weeks.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers closed the week with two big wins** to improve their record to 7-5 and have slowly developed into a solid team on both ends of the court. On offense, the Lady Tigers can drive to the bucket for easy points, but have become deadly from behind the arc and are a true deep threat. Elba may have watched a win slip away against a very good Daleville team early in the week and were simply no match for top-ranked Samson, but showed its determination in a big area win over Zion Chapel and then had little trouble getting past 3A Opp. The Lady Tigers are a much better team than most fans realize and the guess here is their best is yet to come.

*** **Last week's snow and ice played havoc** with the schedule of some of the area teams, but it was another exciting week of action as the regular season winds down. In boys action, New Brockton picked up its first win of the season over winless Zion Chapel and may now take off and become a factor in the area race, while Kinston lost at the buzzer to a talented team from Florala and Brantley fell at home to Luverne. Over with the girls, New Brockton stayed alive in the area race with a win over Zion Chapel, while Kinston continued to win and Brantley kept plugging away and kept its area title hopes alive and well. The final two weeks of the regular season should be fun to watch!

*** **In closing....** high school baseball and softball teams are busy at work getting ready for the upcoming season, and while many teams are a little short-handed at practice due to their players still involved in basketball, the players that can practice are hard at work as the season's opening date of Feb. 20 draws near. It is a busy time to be an athlete at the high school level, but a fun time for all involved, except maybe the coaches!

Tigers are on a tear!

The Elba Tigers hit the court four times last week in a six-day span and posted wins in all four games to push their winning streak to seven games and improve their record to 9-5.

Following are highlights of the busy week of action:

Elba 67 Daleville 22

The Elba Tigers tipped off the week on Monday afternoon and rolled to an impressive 67-22 win over the Daleville Warhawks, in Elba.

An early 3-pointer by Jay Jordan gave the Tigers a 5-0 lead two minutes into the contest and Elba's shooters remained hot from the outside throughout the opening stanza as Vilee Sams added a pair of 3-pointers and Jordan added his second basket from long range late to give the Tigers an 18-8 lead heading into the second quarter.

Daleville pulled within 20-10 with 7:34 left in the second quarter, but Elba's Alex Wright and Richmon Singletary combined to spark a 14-0 run that pushed the Tigers lead to 34-10 with 4:18 still left in the stanza, and the Tigers Dezmon Roberson and Keyonta Fitzpatrick added late baskets to allow Elba to open up a lopsided 41-15 halftime advantage.

Elba's Charvez Hill took command inside in the third quarter and scored 10 points to help the Tigers extend their lead to 57-17, and the Tigers never eased up as John Martin Wilson and Seth Ware drained long 3-pointers in the game's final two minutes as Elba claimed the 67-22 win.

Charvez Hill scored 16 points to lead the Tigers, while Alex Wright added 13 and Jay Jordan scored 11. Vilee Sams scored 9 points and other Elba scorers included Richmon Singletary 8, Dezmon Roberson 4, John Martin Wilson 3 and Seth Ware 3.

Elba 67 Samson 26

The Elba Tigers traveled to Samson on Tuesday night and ended all doubt early as they opened up a 45-14 halftime lead and coasted in with a big 67-26 win.

Elba's Vilee Sams and Richmon Singletary scored 10 points apiece in the opening quarter to help the Tigers grab an early 24-4 lead, and the Tigers didn't take their feet off the pedal in the second quarter as Sams and Seth Ware com-



Elba Tiger Walter Craighead (0) blocks the path of a Zion Chapel dribbler in last week's big 66-12 area win over the Rebels. Craighead scored 11 points in the third quarter of the home win.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

ained to pour in four 3-pointers as Elba's lead grew to 45-14.

The pace slowed down a bit in the third quarter. However, the Tigers never lost command as they outscored Samson 13-2 in the quarter to stretch their lead to 58-16 and rolled to the lopsided road win.

Vilee Sams scored 18 points and Richmon Singletary added 12 points to spark the Tigers, while other Elba scorers included John Martin Wilson 9, Seth Ware 8, Keyonta Fitzpatrick 7, Jay Jordan 6, Alex Wright 6 and Kendre Jordan 4. Cox scored 10 points to lead Samson.

Elba 66 Zion Chapel 12

The Elba Tigers roared out to a 39-1 halftime lead and never looked back Friday night as they remained undefeated in area play with a lopsided 66-12 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Elba.

The Tigers came out clicking on all cylinders in the first quarter as Vilee Sams, Richmon Singletary and Jay Jordan all did damage from behind the arc, while Alex Wright and Dezmon Roberson took control inside as the Tigers opened up a 21-0 advantage.

Wright continued to dominate inside in the second quarter and scored seven points, and while Jordan did add his second 3-pointers of the night, the Tigers connected on five of eight free throws to go in at the half with an amazing 39-1 lead.

Zion Chapel scored seven points in the third quarter as its offense finally woke up, but Elba continued to find its way to the basket with ease and behind an 11-point outburst from Walter Craighead and a long 3-pointers from Jay Jordan extended its lead to 57-8 heading into the final stanza.

Elba's Seth Ware scored six points in the closing quarter and the Tigers hit all four of their free throw opportunities to cap off the big 66-12 area win.

Walter Craighead, Jay Jordan and Alex Wright all scored 11 points to spark the Tigers, while also scoring for Elba were Seth Ware 7, Richmon Singletary 7, Dezmon Roberson 7, Vilee Sams 6, Kendre Jordan 4, Keyonta Fitzpatrick 2 and Tre Tillis 1.

Scoring for the Rebels were Joey McCrory 4, Baile Deal 2, Brock Cardwell 2, Matt Richburg 2 and Bhret Flowers 2.

Elba 69 Opp 40

The Elba Tigers closed out a winning week on the



Elba Tiger Alex Wright (24) soars for a dunk in last week's big road win over Samson.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

court on Saturday afternoon with an impressive 69-40 win over the Opp Bobcats, in Elba.

Elba's Alex Wright scored five points in the opening quarter to help the Tigers pull ahead early. However, the Tigers connected on only 4 of 11 free throw opportunities and after one quarter of play owned a slim 12-9 advantage.

The Elba offense began to find its rhythm in the second quarter and displayed its weapons both from the outside and inside in the stanza as Jay Jordan drained two long 3-pointers, Vilee Sams and Richmon Singletary both added one basket from beyond the arc, and Alex Wright muscled inside to score seven points as the

Tigers exploded for 27 points and grabbed a 39-17 halftime advantage.

Opp took the fight to the Tigers in the third quarter and outscored Elba 16-12 to cut the Tigers lead to 51-33, but Elba regained command in the fourth quarter and sparked by a 9-point outburst from Richmon Singletary pulled away to post the solid 69-40 win.

Richmon Singletary scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Jay Jordan added 14, Alex Wright scored 13 and Vilee Sams added 10. Other Elba scorers included Walter Craighead 4, Chavez Hill 4, Keyonta Fitzpatrick 3, Kendre Jordan 3, and Tre Tillis 1.

Matthews led Opp with 12 points.

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BOYS:

Gamecocks dump Rebels 71-48

The New Brockton Gamecocks got a much needed win last week by posting a 71-48 area victory over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Gamecocks jumped out to an early 16-point lead thanks to five first half 3-pointers by Billy McKenna and easily held on to claim the win. McKenna scored 17 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Jy'Shan Nelson added 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Jacob Hurley added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Bulldogs fall late to Florala 54-53

The Kinston Bulldogs watched as the Florala Wildcats nailed a 3-ponter at the buzzer to claim a wild 54-53 win. Jacob Wood scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Hunter Davis and Hagan

Hall added 9 points, apiece. Andeon White scored 21 points to lead the Wildcats and Jacob Hammac added 9.

Brockton falls to Panthers 52-45

The New Brockton Gamecocks watched a first half lead vanish in a 52-45 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Jacob Hurley scored 16 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks.

GIRLS:

Lady Bulldogs roll to 53-42 win

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to an impressive 53-42 area win over the Florala Lady Wildcats. Courtney Lunsford scored 23 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs and Kassady Cardwell added 13, while Morgan Jackson led the Lady Wildcats with 24 points.

Elba JV Tigers grab two wins

The Elba JV Tigers bounced back from an early week 37-31 loss to Daleville to defeat Zion Chapel 40-30 and Opp 66-49 to enjoy a winning week on the court.

In the 37-31 loss to Daleville, the Tigers jumped out to an early 11-2 lead and appeared to be headed for a big win, but were outscored by the Warhawks 28-12 over the

second and third quarters and never recovered. Jacques Prince scored 12 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Trent Sanders 6, Collin Harrison 4, Logan Medlock 4, Omarion Terry 2 and Isaiah Tyson 2. Matthews scored 14 points to lead Daleville.

In the 40-30 win over Zion Chapel, the Tigers led only 16-12 at the half, but held the Rebels to only two points in the third quarter to pull away and held on to claim the big win. Logan Medlock scored 9 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Trent Sanders 8, Jacques Prince 5, Iverson Lane 5, Isaiah Woodard 5, Sebastian Thomas 3, Collin Harrison 2, Levi Carnley 2, and Isaiah Tyson 1. Ben Hutchinson scored 12 points to lead Zion Chapel.

In the 66-49 win over Opp, the Tigers trailed 12-10 after one quarter, but rallied to sneak ahead 29-27 at the half and then went on a 19-6 run in the third quarter to take command as they ran away with the win. Collin Harrison scored 16 points and Trent Sanders added 13 to lead Elba, while other scorers included Jacques Prince 9, Logan Medlock 9, Levi Carnley 6, Jordan Douglas 3, Isaiah Woodard 3, Iverson Lane 2, Isaiah Tyson 2 and Larry Burks 2. Day scored 13 points to lead Opp.



Elba JV Tigers Logan Medlock (32), Omarion Terry (30) and Trent Sanders battle for a rebound in last week's win over Zion Chapel.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)



Elba Lady Tiger Kira Starks looks to make a pass to a teammate during last week's road loss to Samson. The Lady Tigers upped their record to 7-5 with two wins late in the week.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Lady Tigers pick up two wins

The Elba Lady Tigers had a busy week on the court with four games in six days and posted two wins and two losses to push their record to 7-5, 3-0 in area play.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Daleville 47 Elba 46

The Elba Lady Tigers rallied from an early 18-7 deficit to grab a brief fourth quarter lead, but watched as Daleville connected on 6 of 9 free throws in the final stanza, including the game winner with only four seconds left on the clock, as the Lady Warhawks edged past Elba 47-46, in Elba.

Elba came out ready to play and pulled out to a 7-5 lead with 4:45 left in the opening quarter on a 3-pointer by Sandra Lindsey, only to see Daleville close the quarter with a 13-0 run to open up an 18-7 advantage.

Daleville still owned a big 20-10 lead midway through the second quarter, but a 3-pointer by Sandra Lindsey sparked an Elba rally and a late 3-pointer by Kira Starks enabled the Lady Tigers to pull within 24-20 at the half.

Elba's Breanna Sanders drained a 3-pointer early in the third quarter to spark a 5-0 run that put the Lady Tigers back on top 25-24 and Kira Starks and Laken Cooks nailed back-to-back bombs midway through the quarter to pull Elba back even at 33-33 with 3:31 left in the stanza. Cooks added her second 3-pointer of the quarter with less than a minute remaining on the clock as the Lady Tigers entered the final stanza on top 38-35.

Elba was still ahead 40-38 with 6:26 left after a basket by Sandra Lindsey, but Daleville answered with an 8-0 run to go on top 46-40 with 3:04 remaining. A basket by Melissa Williams ended the Daleville rally, and when A'Maysia Whitfield scored from inside with 17-seconds left the Lady Tigers had tied the score at 46-46. Daleville hit one of two free throws with four ticks left on the clock to take a 47-46 lead; however, and a last-second shot caromed off the rim as Elba suffered the 47-46 loss.

Sandra Lindsey scored 14 points to lead Elba and Kira Starks added 12, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Melissa Williams 6, Breanna Sanders 6, Laken Cooks 6 and A'Maysia Whitfield 2.

Samson 77 Elba 30

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Samson on Tuesday night to battle the top-ranked Samson Lady Tigers and suffered a 77-30 loss. The Lady Tigers

trailed 34-5 at the end of the opening quarter and never recovered as they took the big road loss. Kira Starks scored 10 points and A'Maysia Whitfield added 7 to lead Elba, while LaTascya Duff scored 27 points and LaTora Duff added 26 to lead Samson.

Elba 61 Zion Chapel 27

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Zion Chapel Rebels Friday night in area action and rolled to an impressive 61-27 win to clinch the regular season area title.

The Lady Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 14-8 after one quarter of play, but Kira Starks scored 10 points in the second quarter to spark an Elba rally that enabled the Lady Tigers to grab a 26-21 half-time advantage.

Elba's Laken Cooks drained two long 3-pointers in the third quarter to help the Lady Tigers extend their lead to 42-26, and Sandra Lindsey scored eight fourth quarter points as Elba outscored Zion Chapel 19-1 in the final stanza to pull away and claim the big 61-27 win.

Kira Starks scored 17 points, Laken Cooks added 15 and Sandra Lindsey scored 10 points to lead Elba, while other Elba scorers included Melissa Williams 7, Nina Williams 6, A'Maysia Whitfield 2, Freeda Hooks 2 and Maghan Douglas 2.

Willow Johnson scored 9 points to lead the Lady Rebels and Janna Miles added 5.

Elba 59 Opp 21

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out the busy week of action on Saturday afternoon with a big 59-21 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats, in Elba.

Elba's Laken Cooks, A'Maysia Whitfield and Melissa Williams all knocked down 3-pointers in the first quarter to help the Lady Tigers grab an early 15-3 lead, while Cooks and Whitfield both went deep again in the second quarter as Elba went in at the half with a 31-7 advantage.

The two rivals swapped baskets in the third quarter, but the Lady Tigers picked up the pace again in the final stanza and led by the scoring of Kira Starks and Sandra Lindsey pulled away to claim the big win.

A'Maysia Whitfield scored 19 points to lead Elba, while other scorers included Kira Starks 9, Melissa Williams 7, Laken Cooks 6, Sandra Lindsey 6, Freeda Hooks 5, Nina Williams 3 and Lazaria Burks 2.

Thompson scored 11 points to lead the Lady Bobcats.

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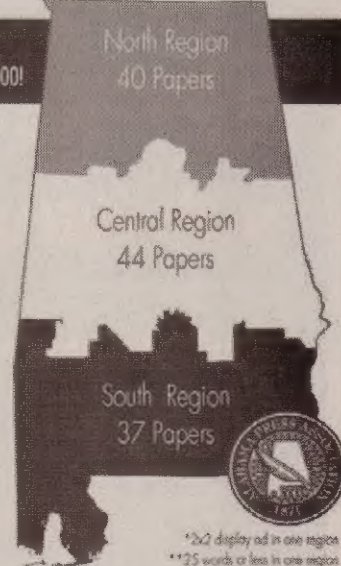
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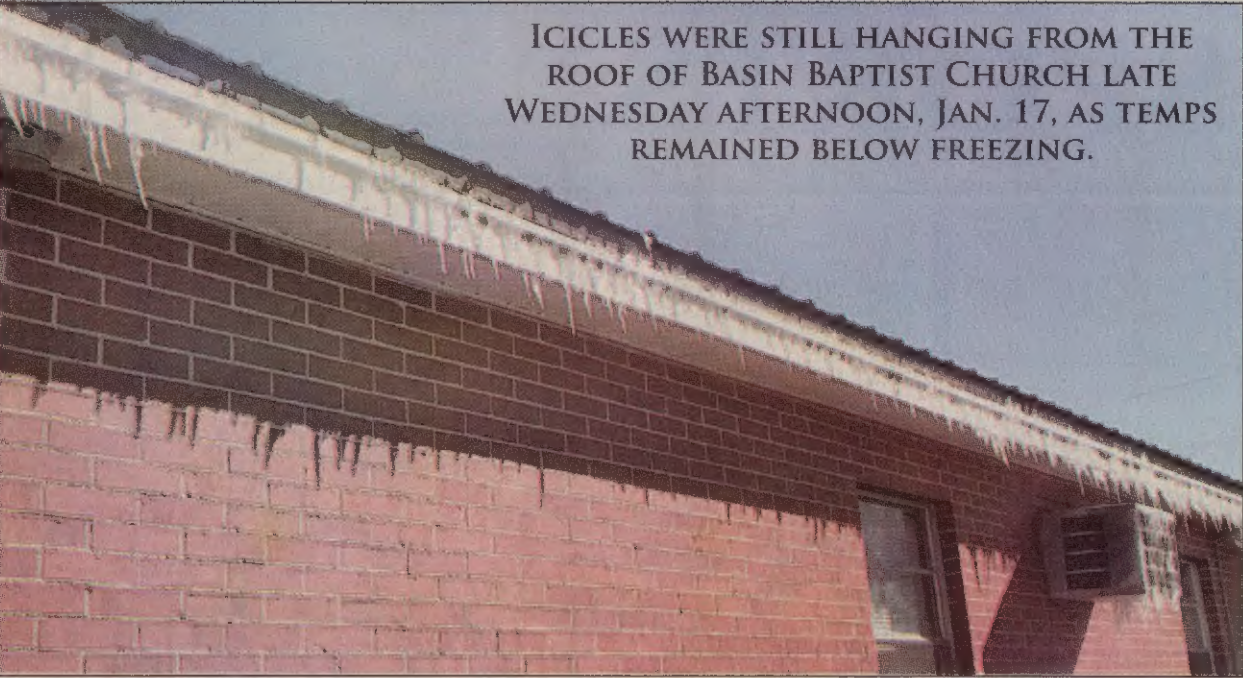
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Snow and icicles are shown on employee vehicles at the Elba Food Giant last Wednesday around 11 a.m.



New Brockton Police are shown on scene of a single vehicle accident that was the result of the dangerous icy roads the area experienced last Wednesday, Jan. 17th. This accident was on Hwy. 84 W in New Brockton, and happened around the 8 a.m. hour. Fortunately, there were no injuries. Coffee County EMA shared several photos much like this throughout the day as officials urged citizens to either stay off the roads or to use extreme caution if travel was a must that day.



A SNOW COVERED BACKYARD IN ELBA LAST WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 17TH



The front yard and rooftop of the Forest Lake Drive home in Elba looked much like a winter wonderland last Wednesday morning, Jan. 17th.



This photo shows an extremely icy road last Wednesday, Jan. 17, in the New Brockton area. This was the old U.S. Highway 84 in New Brockton. Road conditions, such as this, was the main reason law enforcement and emergency managment officials were urging citizens to be careful if they had to travel last Wednesday. Some areas of the county's roadways remained icy throughout Thursday as well. It was the unsafe travel conditions that led local schools to close both Wednesday and Thursday last week.

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